



**Riverdale Road/New Carrollton CAT #9 Meeting – Questions and Responses**

**Purple Line Project Office – Riverdale**

**June 9, 2022**

**QUESTION: Is the Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) car manufacturer different from Metro?**

RESPONSE: Yes, the LRVs are built by different manufacturer than what WMATA Metro uses. CAF builds the Purple Line LRVs.

**QUESTION: When will Ellin Road reopen?**

RESPONSE: The MTS construction schedule shows -Ellin Road expected to open in the first quarter of 2023 as there is still work to be completed before it can reopen.

**QUESTION: When will the New Carrollton (WMATA) parking lot be completed?**

RESPONSE: Construction of the New Carrollton (WMATA) parking lot will be completed in two phases. Currently, we are in Phase 1 which is the far east end of the parking lot. Retaining walls need to be finished followed by paving in the fall. Phase 2 is the west side, which we will move onto sometime in the fall of 2023 and completion by early winter of 2024. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

**QUESTION: What improvements can be made to the intersection of River Road, Tuckerman, and Kenilworth Avenue, including north of River Road?**

RESPONSE: Work on these intersections is not scheduled until sometime in 2023. There will be permanent signalization improvements that increase pedestrian safety, but during the interim construction phase there isn't much that can be done until the signals are upgraded. Any area north of River Road on Kenilworth is outside our project limits and should be coordinated directly with State Highway Administration District 3, 301-513-7300.

**QUESTION: Is there anything that can be done to improve the safety of the shopping center on Kenilworth Avenue across from Rittenhouse Street where the Post Office is located? Cars drive the wrong way through the parking lot and at the light.**

RESPONSE: That parking lot will be reconfigured and restriped in the final condition after Kenilworth is widened. The utility pole in the middle of the entrance is where the traffic signal will be located after the road widening. We have placed signage around the signal pole to help direct traffic, but we can send a team to investigate to see if there are any additional measures that can be taken.

**QUESTION: Will there be incremental openings of stations along the alignment?**

RESPONSE: No, MTS will not be taking the approach of incremental or a phased opening of the Purple Line and it will all open at once. Because the system is powered by traction power substations (TPSS), the wires that power the catenary system will be continuous.

**QUESTION: Can you provide an update on using Union Labor?**

RESPONSE: This matter is still under negotiations, and we are hopeful that a path forward will be reached in the near future.

**QUESTION: Has there been any interest in any developers to develop the area around the Beacon Heights – East Pines Station? Primarily restaurants so the community would have options close to home.**

RESPONSE: There have been a number of developers interested in properties around the Purple Line Stations, which we call transit-oriented development. For more information specific to this area, please contact the Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation at 301-583-4650.

**QUESTION: How much of the track is co-located with vehicular traffic and how much of it is stand alone?**

RESPONSE: Approximately 15-20% of the alignment is co-located with vehicular traffic. In some cases, the trains travel completely separate from the roadway, such as Veteran’s Highway in Riverdale. On University Boulevard, the trains are separated from vehicular traffic by a curb. Sections where the trains share right of way with vehicular traffic include Campus Drive near the College Park Metro Station, as well as Wayne Avenue and Bonifant Street in Silver Spring.

**QUESTION: Local Riverdale Park businesses are concerned about impacts due to construction. Can work occur in non-peak hours? How is notice provided.**

RESPONSE: Utility work in the area will continue and we will make every effort to schedule work during hours that advance the project in the most efficient manner. While we have the ability to perform nightwork, there are many factors that go into the schedule and time work is performed. Notifications are provided through our notification system in advance of construction occurring. Our Business Engagement team also works directly with businesses to mitigate impacts. If you would like to reach out to the Business Engagement team regarding a direct construction impact please contact us via the Outreach hotline at 443-451-3706 or [outreach@purplelinemd.com](mailto:outreach@purplelinemd.com).

**QUESTION: Are there any grants or assistance for impacted businesses?**

RESPONSE: The Purple Line does not provide monetary assistance, but grants have been periodically administered through Prince George’s and Montgomery counties. Although the Purple Line is not involved in the application process or allocation of funding, we promote awareness of these opportunities to businesses as they become available.

**QUESTION: When will the stormwater work occur at the intersection of Riverdale Road and Veterans Parkway?**

RESPONSE: Work including the storm drain installation at Riverdale Road and Veterans Parkway intersection will start later this year in the fall of 2022.

**QUESTION: Can you explain the Annapolis Road intersection signalization and how it will function with traffic, the light rail system, and pedestrians?**

RESPONSE: The Purple Line Tracks cross Annapolis Road on the southerly side of Veterans Parkway. The pedestrian sidewalk crossing the Purple Line tracks on the westerly side of Annapolis is controlled by crossing gates. The vehicular crossing over the Purple Line tracks is controlled by crossing gates. The pedestrian sidewalk crossing the LRV tracks on the easterly side of Annapolis, adjacent to the Glenridge Station, is controlled by active warning devices. The traffic signal will not prioritize LRV traffic and will continue to treat all traffic movements equally.